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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below, next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled.

**MINIMAL ACCESS APPARATUS FOR ENDOSCOPIC SPINAL SURGERY**

the specification of which

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto

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(If applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims (as amended by any amendment referred to above). I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, of patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application.

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